

Cardiovascular Systems Inc  
Form 8-K  
July 02, 2010

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**  
**FORM 8-K**  
**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 28, 2010**  
**Cardiovascular Systems, Inc.**  
(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)  
Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-52082  
(Commission File Number)

41-1698056  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

651 Campus Drive  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55112-3495  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

(651) 259-1600  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)  
Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

*(e) Annual Compensation for Named Executive Officers*

On June 28, 2010, the Board of Directors of Cardiovascular Systems, Inc. (the Company), upon recommendation of the Compensation Committee of the Board, approved increases in the annual base salaries of the Company's executive officers. Effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, the named executive officers will receive the following base salaries as part of their compensation for fiscal 2011:

Name/Title	FY2011 Salary
David L. Martin <i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i>	\$425,000
Laurence L. Betterley <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>	\$278,000
Scott W. Kraus <i>Vice President of Sales Executive Officer Severance Plan</i>	\$225,000

Effective June 28, 2010, the Company adopted the Cardiovascular Systems, Inc. Executive Officer Severance Plan (the Severance Plan). The Severance Plan applies initially to: David L. Martin, President and Chief Executive Officer; Laurence L. Betterley, Chief Financial Officer; James E. Flaherty, Chief Administrative Officer and Secretary; Robert J. Thatcher, Executive Vice President; Brian Doughty, Vice President of Commercial Operations; Paul A. Tyska, Vice President of Business Development; Paul A. Koehn, Vice President of Manufacturing; and Scott W. Kraus, Vice President of Sales (each, an Executive and collectively, the Executives). Adoption of the Severance Plan was approved by the Company's Board of Directors, upon recommendation by the Compensation Committee of the Board. Executives covered by the Severance Plan will generally be eligible to receive severance benefits in the event of a termination of employment by the Company without Cause or due to a Reduction-in-Force (each as defined in the Severance Plan).

Under the Severance Plan, in the event of a termination of employment by the Company without Cause or due to a Reduction-in-Force, the severance benefits (the Severance) for the Executive will generally consist of the following: continued payment of the Executive's then-current annual base salary in effect on the date of the Executive's termination of employment (the Base Salary), provided that the Base Salary does not include any bonuses, reimbursed expenses, credits or benefits (including benefits under any plan of deferred compensation), or any additional cash or non-cash compensation; and

continuation of the Company's ordinary share of premiums for the Executive's coverage under the Company's medical, dental and/or life insurance plans, provided that such Executive continues his or her medical, dental and/or life insurance benefits under the Company's plans pursuant to federal or state law and timely pays his or her share of premiums, if any.

An Executive will receive the Severance during the Severance Period, which is defined to mean a period of (i) eighteen (18) months for the Chief Executive Officer, (ii) fifteen (15) months for the Chief Financial Officer, and (iii) twelve (12) months for all other Executives, provided that such Executive complies with the provisions of any employment or other written agreement in effect between such

Executive and the Company. Further, in order to receive the Severance, the Executive's termination of employment with the Company must be for other than death or disability. In addition, an Executive cannot be deemed terminated while on military leave, sick leave or other bona fide leave of absence, if the leave does not exceed six months, or, if longer, the Executive has a right to reemployment by statute or contract. Finally, the Executive must not provide services during the Severance Period to the Company in excess of 20% of the average level of bona fide services performed by the Executive (whether as an employee or an independent contractor) over the immediately preceding 36-month period.

The Company has the right, in its sole discretion, to amend the Severance Plan or to terminate it prospectively, except the Company cannot amend or terminate the Severance Plan in any manner that diminishes the Severance payable to Executives: (i) within twelve (12) months after a Change of Control (as defined in the Severance Plan), (ii) if such amendment or termination was requested by a party (other than the Board of Directors of the Company) that had previously taken other steps reasonably calculated to result in a Change of Control and that ultimately results in a Change of Control, or (iii) if such amendment or termination arose in connection with or in anticipation of a Change of Control that ultimately occurs.

Nothing in the Severance Plan adversely affects the rights an Executive may have to severance payments under any employment or other written agreement ( Severance Agreements ) with the Company. An Executive will receive severance benefits under the Severance Agreements first, and then will be eligible for the Severance under the Severance Plan, but only to the extent the Severance is not duplicative of the benefits previously received by the Executive under the Severance Agreements, with the maximum severance benefits under both the Severance Plan and the Severance Agreements equal to the maximum aggregate benefit under the Severance Plan.

The foregoing description of the material terms of the Severance Plan does not purport to be a complete description and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Severance Plan.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: July 2, 2010

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ Laurence L. Betterley  
Laurence L. Betterley  
Chief Financial Officer